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1. A copy of a construction drawing of the railroad bridge over the Elbe River near Torgau (N 52°E 64) is attached *
2. The railroad bridge is about 900 meters north of the road bridge. It begins about 300 meters east of the Torgau railroad station. The bridge was of steel truss construction and had seven 49-meter spans. The two tracks were on separate structures. After reconstruction, the northern structures of spans 1, 2, 5, and 6 were missing. The bridge had a load capacity of 20 tons axle pressure. The clearance over the river is 7 meters at mean water level.

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25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. The bridge is on the Halle - Falkenberg - Cottbus trunk line, which since the dismantling of the second track is now single track. The line has great importance for Soviet transit traffic to the USSR. See Annex 3. The bridge consisted of two single-track parallel spans resting on common piers. Both sections of spans 1 and 4, which are over the river, were blown near the end of war. See Annex 4. The bridge was reconstructed with only a single track. Spans 3 and 4 were completely replaced by the four undamaged, northern structures of spans 1, 2, 5, and 6. In anticipation of an eventual reconstruction of a double track line, the laying of the remainder of the missing parts of the bridge will not be difficult. See Annex 2. It will be possible to salvage much building material required for the reconstruction of the four missing structures of the northern parallel bridge. To date there have been no indications of intended relaying of the second track on the trunk line.

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- 4 Annexes:
- 1. Elbe Bridge in Torgau (photostat)
 - 2. Railroad Bridge across the Elbe River in Torgau (sketch on ditto)
 - 3. Location of the Railroad Bridge near Torgau (sketch on ditto)
 - 4. Railroad Bridge across the Elbe River near Torgau (photograph)

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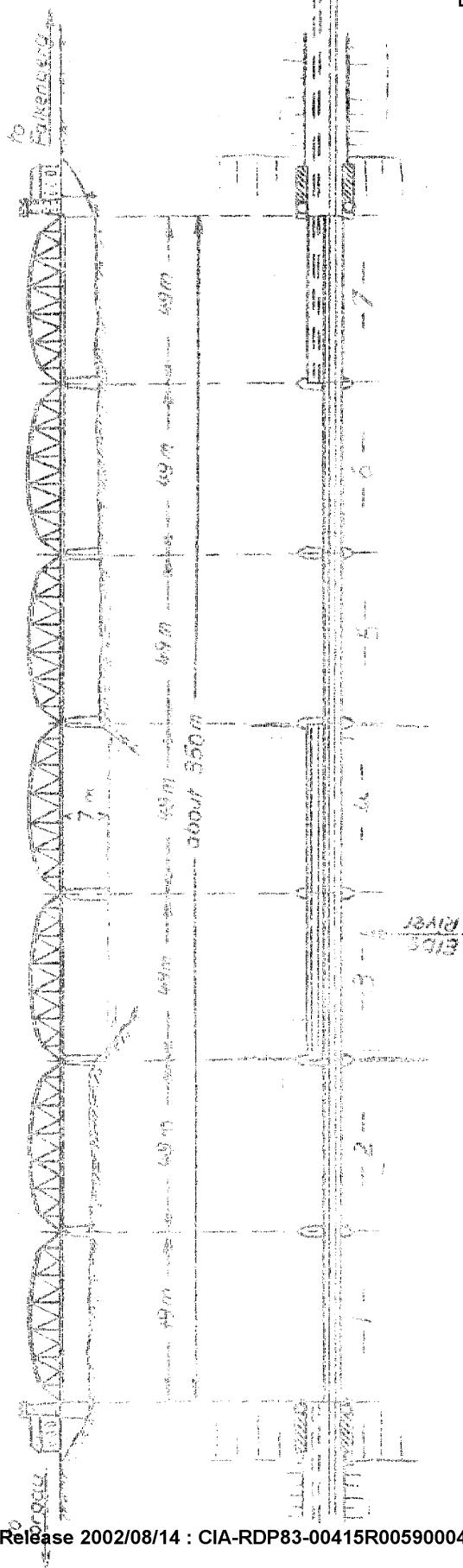
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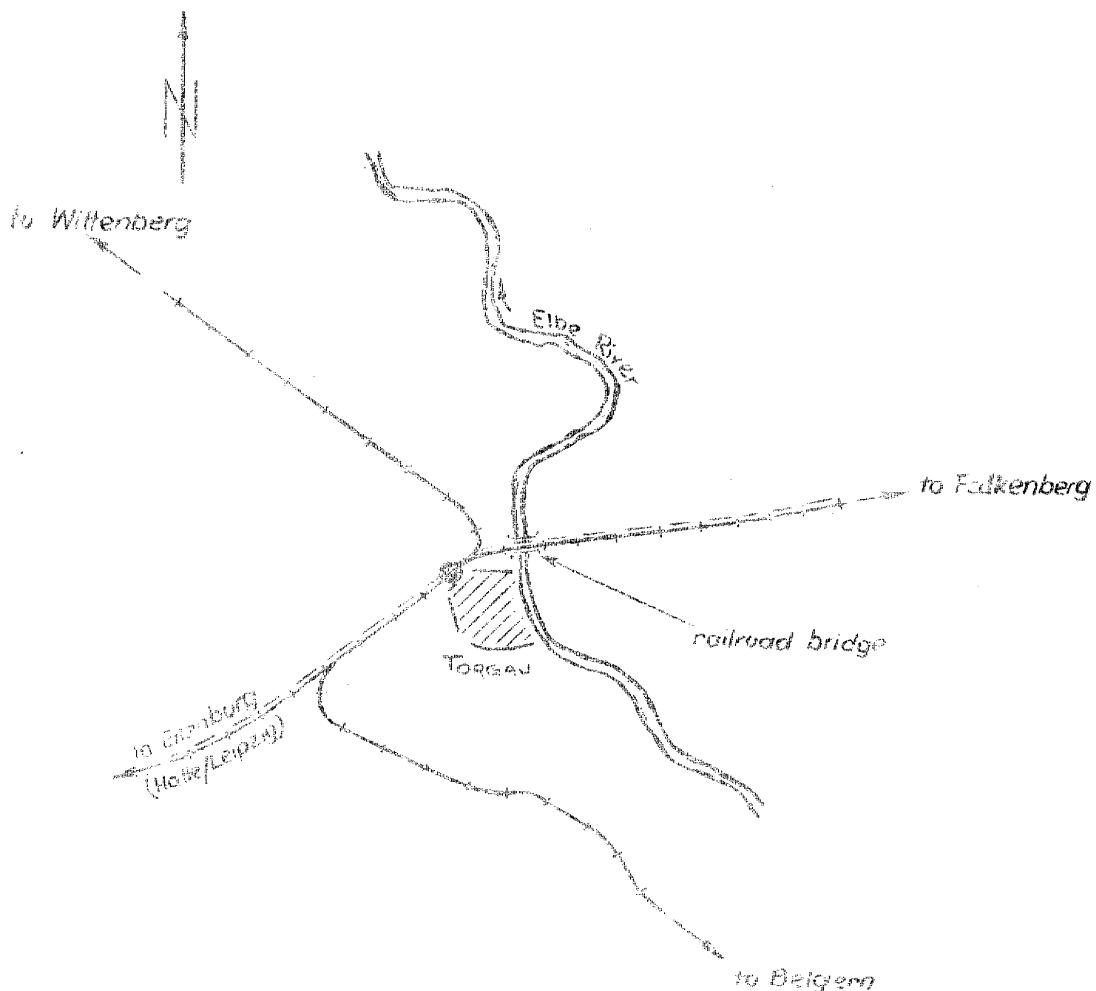
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Location of the Railroad Bridge near Torgau.



- one track dismantled
- single track
- ◎ Torgau railroad station

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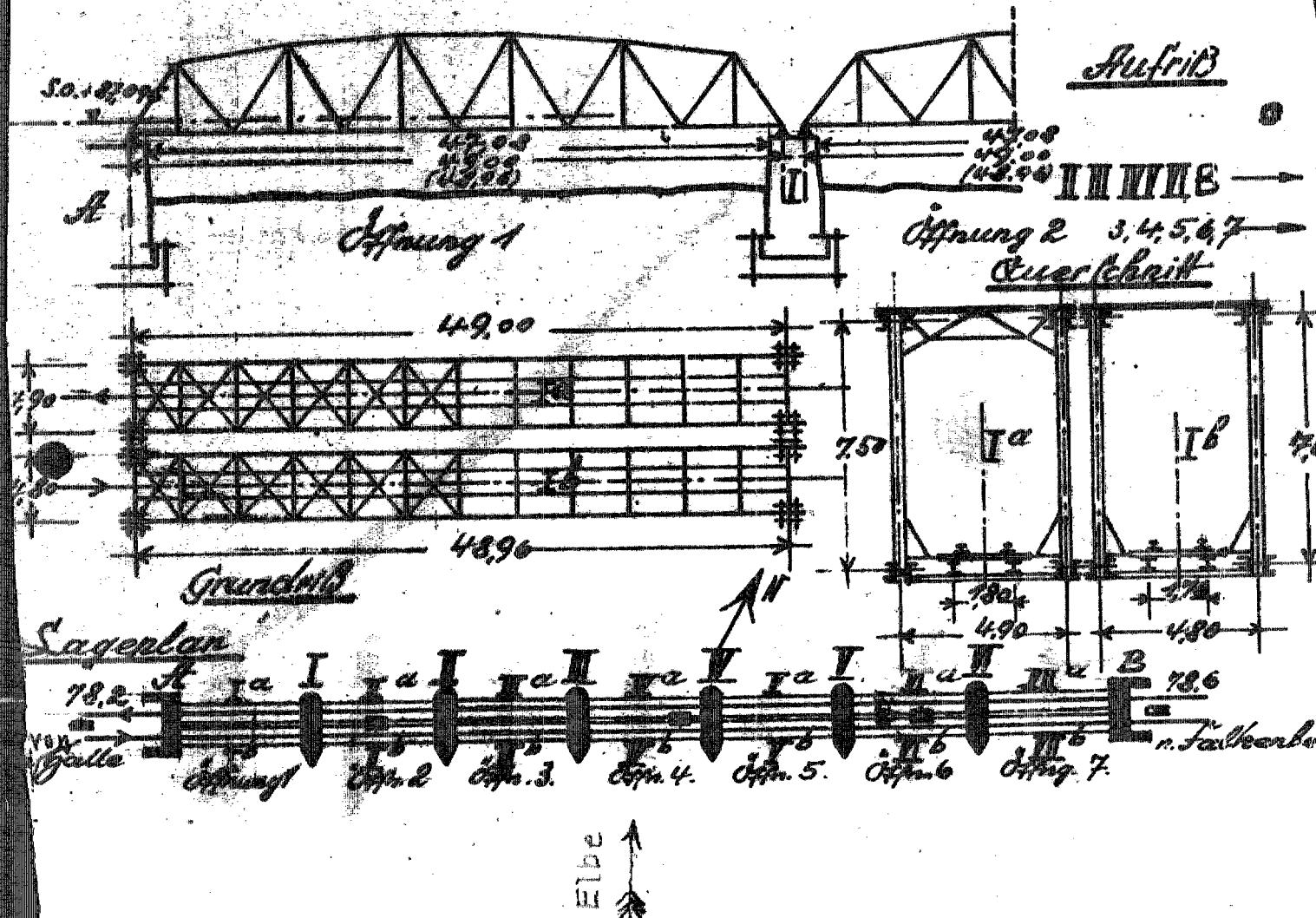
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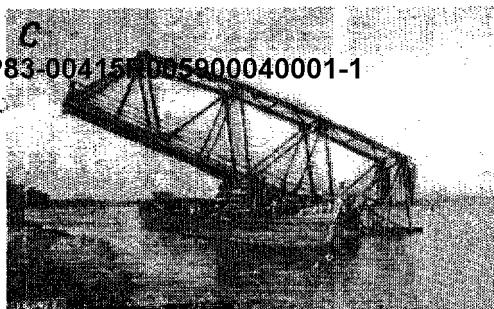


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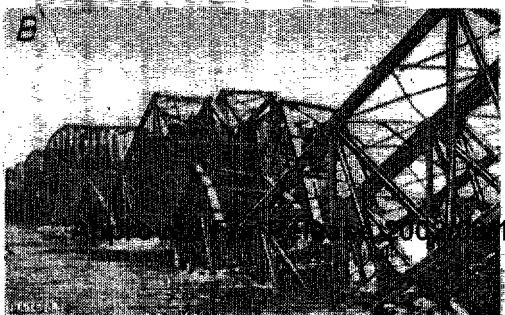


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